



DATE	MASS INTENTIONS	SPECIAL EVENTS	DAILY READINGS
SUNDAY 12/25/2016 CHRISTMAS 	10:00 AM— Mass MERRY CHRISTMAS! <i>(NO Faith Formation or RCIA today.)</i>		<i>Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18</i>
Monday 12/26/2016	NO MASS	<u>Office Closed</u>	<i>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4,6-8b,16bc,17 Mt 10:17-22</i>
Tuesday 12/27/2016	4:00 PM— Mass ✠Chris Cruz by Deanna Cruz	<u>Office Closed</u> Bible Study CANCELLED until January 3, 2017. Contemplative Prayer after Mass.	<i>Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8</i>
Wednesday 12/28/2016	8:00 AM— Mass ✠Cody Pastore by Pastore Family. Pro-Life Rosary after Mass.	Book of Psalms — CANCELLED until Jan. 4th. Holy Spirit Prayer Group CANCELLED this week.	<i>Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18</i>
Thursday 12/29/2016	8:00 AM —Mass ✠Rosanne Martin by John & Gladys Delcourt		<i>Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5-6 Lk 2:22-35</i>
Friday 12/30/2016	8:00 AM— Mass ✠Friends of the Suffering Souls by Valuja Family.		<i>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</i>
Saturday 12/31/2016	8:00 AM—Mass 4:00 PM—	3:15-3:45 PM- Reconciliation	<i>Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18</i>
SUNDAY 01/01/2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	10:00 AM— Mass	No Faith Formation today. No RCIA today.	<i>Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21</i>

DECEMBER 25 2016

When we receive gifts, we thank the giver and then we use the gift. How do you thank God for the gifts you have been given? How do you use those gifts, for your glory or His?

NOTE: Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website; therefore, any information in the bulletin is out there in cyberspace, accessible to anyone. Please let the office know if this is an issue for you.

Our Mission Statement : To Fulfill Fr. Michael Murphy's dream to be a welcoming community
 *To grow in the love of the Lord
 *To follow the teachings of the Church
 *To serve one another and the community.

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December 25, 2016

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Office Hours: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM Monday—Friday
Office located next to the Church. (Closed on all Holy Days and Holidays)

MASSES — *Tues. 4:00 PM—Wednesday thru Saturday 8:00 AM
RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:15—3:45 PM (or by appointment)
BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES: By appointment

HOLY DAY MASSES: Vigil 6:30 PM, 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM
**see calendar on back for possible time changes*

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES

***WINTER:** Nov. 1ST to the last Sunday before Memorial Day
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM

***WINTER SNOW DAYS—SUNDAY MASS WILL BE AT 2:00 PM**
SUMMER: Memorial Day Weekend until October 31ST
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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UPDATE:

For Christmas we have given prayer shawls to seven parishioners who are shut in this year. This is a reminder to them that we are here for them and they are not forgotten. Anyone interested in making a donation or joining our ministry please **contact Peggy Comer at 561-339-1762.**

CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND



This Christmas morning and every Sunday, Heart of the Nation will televise Catholic Mass at **8 a.m. on WMYT (My 12) channel 55.** Please share the time and channel information with friends or family members who are unable to get to church because of age, illness, or other struggles. Prayer intentions from viewers, uplifting homilies, a Prayer for Spiritual Communion during distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and closed-captioning make Heart of the Nation's Sunday Mass on TV and online a time of spiritual comfort and belonging for the homebound. To watch the Mass online, please visit www.heartofthenation.org.

Eucharistic Ministers



TO ALL ST. MARGARET PARISHIONERS

Jesus tells us to serve one another. What better way to serve than as a Eucharistic Minister at Mass? Every parishioner is welcome to serve, the training program is simple...so please come join us. Thank you! **Call Lynn Loetz at 926-1148.**

New Members are ALWAYS welcome to join the choir! Call Bernice Smathers at 452-4812 if you are interested!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

R.Allan, Tom Beyer, Ginny Condren, Bobbi DeBaldo, Jeanne Devlin, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbshade, Evelyn Fairbanks, Caroline Greene, David & Christina Hefke, Ray Hoefler, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G.Lydia, Lisa M., R.Mas, Kathleen Mercogliano, Robert Missana, Jeanne Mitchel, Joseph Orvos, Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Carroll Smathers, Boone Tilley, Olivia Triollo, Barb & Bob Williams, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington- **AND ALL THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER. NAMES WILL REMAIN FOR ONE MONTH, UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.**



Please remember in your prayers Deacon Jerry LaPointe who passed away recently. May God grant him eternal rest and peace and bring comfort to his family.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION

It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him." That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: "Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others: Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word *Kaire!* That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

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